

ITF WORLD TENNIS TOUR

PROFESSIONAL AND JUNIOR TENNIS RULES UPDATE 2020

A. ITF PROFESSIONAL TENNIS (\$15,000 - \$100,000 TOURNAMENTS)

1. Qualifying Draw size

A large majority of tournaments will have a qualifying draw size of 32 places or 48 places. Exceptions that meet the criteria below may be permitted at the discretion of the ITF.

- **\$15,000, \$25,000 tournaments**
 - Minimum qualifying draw size: 32
 - Maximum qualifying draw size: 48
- **\$60,000, \$80,000, \$100,000 tournaments**
 - Qualifying draw size: 32

Exception: at the ITF's discretion, a tournament may be permitted to run a qualifying draw size of 24 if at least two (2) of the following conditions are met and approved in advance by ITF:

- Insufficient courts/days to run 32Q;
- Indoor Tournament held in first 12 weeks of the year (where additional opportunities are needed);
- Previous tournament in 2019 that would be discontinued if not permitted to run 24Q.

2. Draw composition

Singles, with Qualifying draw size: 48Q or 24Q

Type of acceptance	\$15,000 (Men and Women)	\$25,000 (Men and Women)	\$60,000 - \$100,000 (Women)
Main Draw	32	32	32
Direct Acceptance	16-19*	19-22*	19-22*
Qualifiers	6	6	6
Junior Reserved (ITF Top 100 Juniors)	3	-	-
Wild Cards	4	4	4
Special Exempt	0-2	0-2	0-2
Junior Exempt	0-1	0-1	0-1
Qualifying draw size	48	48	(NO 48Q)
Direct Acceptance	41	41	-
Wild Cards	7	7	-
Qualifying draw size	24	24	24
Direct Acceptance	19	20	20
Wild Cards	5	4	4

* The higher of the two numbers if Special Exempt/Junior Exempt places are not filled.

Singles, with Qualifying draw size: 32Q

Type of acceptance	\$15,000 (Men and Women)	\$25,000 (Men and Women)	\$60,000 - \$100,000 (Women)
Main Draw	32	32	32
Direct Acceptance	14-17*	17-20*	17-20*
Qualifiers	8	8	8
Junior Reserved (ITF Top 100 Juniors)	3	-	-
Wild Cards	4	4	4
Special Exempt	0-2	0-2	0-2
Junior Exempt	0-1	0-1	0-1
Qualifying draw size	32	32	32
Direct Acceptance	26	27	27
Wild Cards	6	5	5

* The higher of the two numbers if Special Exempt/Junior Exempt places are not filled.

All ITF Doubles Draws are for 16 teams, with 13 Direct Acceptances and 3 Wild Cards.

3. Flexible Tournament scheduling

Qualifying draw size	Eligible tournaments	Tournament days	Singles Q start day	Preferred Singles MD start day	Singles MD end day	Preferred Doubles start day	Doubles end day
48Q	\$15,000, \$25,000	8 (mandatory)	Sunday	Tuesday	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday or Saturday
32Q	\$15,000-\$100,000	7 or 8	Sunday	Monday	Saturday	Same day as Singles MD	Friday or Saturday
				Tuesday	Sunday		
24Q	\$15,000-\$100,000	7 or 8	Monday	Tuesday	Sunday	Same day as Singles MD	Friday or Saturday
				Sunday	Saturday		
24Q	\$15,000-\$100,000	7 or 8	Sunday	Monday	Saturday	Same day as Singles MD	Friday or Saturday
				Tuesday	Sunday		
24Q	\$15,000-\$100,000	7 or 8	Monday	Tuesday	Sunday	Same day as Singles MD	Friday or Saturday
				Sunday	Saturday		

Doubles at \$15,000 and \$25,000 tournaments must be completed by Saturday. Women's \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 tournaments are permitted to run a Sunday doubles final.

The match scoring formats remain the same:

- Singles Main Draw: the best of three (3) tie-break sets. Ad scoring must be used.

- Singles Qualifying: the best of three sets, with two (2) tie-break sets, and if one set all, one match tie-break game (10 points) shall be played. Ad scoring must be used.
- Doubles Draw: the best of three sets with two (2) tie-break sets, and if one set all, one match tie-break game (10 points) shall be played. No-ad scoring must be used.

4. Tournaments providing Hospitality (+H tournaments) – Singles Main Draw players

The rules for those tournaments providing complimentary Hospitality (+H tournaments) have been modified so that for Singles Main Draw players, the rules are the same for both men’s and women’s tournaments.

From 2020, tournaments providing hospitality are required to do so one (1) day before the Main Draw starts, although a player has the option to request accommodation to start on the day the Main Draw commences. The standard of hospitality, including any exceptions to the rules above, must be approved in advance by the ITF.

The following hospitality rules have not changed:

- Rules for Doubles Main Draw players;
- Rules for players who qualify into the Main Draw have not changed; and
- \$60,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000 women’s tournaments require four (4) nights of hospitality not three (3) (and a player must have his/her own room and not be required to share a room)

5. ATP/WTA/ITF ranking points

ATP and WTA ranking points

No changes for 2020 (with the exception of the introduction of the new ATP Challenger 50 category).

ITF World Tennis ranking points

From tournaments beginning 30 December 2019, ITF World Tennis ranking points will no longer be awarded in the main draws of ITF World Tennis Tour events or in qualifying at ATP Challenger events (as had been the case in 2019). The only ITF ranking points awarded will be in the qualifying of \$15,000 and \$25,000 men’s and women’s events. Existing ITF ranking points earned in Main Draws or in ATP Challenger qualifying will drop-off a player’s ranking, based on the 52-week ranking principle.

ITF World Tennis Ranking points 2020

Prize money category	Reach Final Round of Qualifying	Qualify into Main Draw
\$25,000 +H	1	4
\$25,000	1	3
\$15,000 +H	1	3
\$15,000	1	2

6. Wild Cards

In 2019, players already committed to one tournament after the Withdrawal Deadline were able to accept a wild card into a second tournament under specific circumstances. However, these circumstances were different for men and women. In 2020 the rules will be made consistent as follows:

- A player accepted into **Qualifying or Main Draw** of a [Men's or Women's] ITF World Tennis Tour Tournament [can] receive a Wild Card into the **Qualifying or Main Draw** of another Professional tournament in a higher prize money category

From 2020, "or Main Draw" will be added to the men's wording to allow the same flexibility as for women. This will allow a male player accepted into the Main Draw of a \$15k to receive a Wild Card into the Qualifying or Main Draw of a \$25k.

7. Warm-up procedure

In 2020, ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments (Junior and Pro) will implement the 1-5-1 warm up procedure for matches, namely:

- A player is allowed to spend up to 1 minute from arriving to his/her bench to the pre-match meeting / coin toss
- 5 minutes of warm up
- 1 more minute of preparation time until the first point is played

The warm-up rule for ITF tournaments and ATP Challengers will be the same.

8. Additional Sports Physiotherapist at Women's \$100,000, \$80,000 and \$60,000 events.

The ITF will fund an additional (second) Sports Physiotherapist at each Women's \$80,000 and \$100,000 tournament and provide a subsidy for a second Physiotherapist at \$60,000 events.

At all events, the first Sports Physiotherapist must be onsite for the duration of the tournament. The second Physiotherapist must work 4-5 days, up to Thursday of the tournament week. Specific procedures will be communicated to National Associations in due course.

9. IPIN memberships – credit card only

Cash payments for IPIN memberships are no longer accepted on-site. Players need to pay online with credit card. National Associations should contact the ITF for additional solutions where credit card payment is not practical for players from their country.

10. Expansion of the Junior Exempt Project

Junior players who finish the 2019 calendar year in the Junior Top 20 will receive five (5) “Junior Exempts” into 2020 ITF World Tennis Tour tournaments, an increase of two (2) exempts compared to last year. The additional two (2) Junior Exempt places are set at the same level as the 2019 lowest level of tournament at that ranking band.

As a result, the 2020 Junior Exempt Project is as below. Eligible players will receive letters from the ITF in the week of 16 December 2019. Players with questions should contact juniors@itftennis.com

Men’s ITF World Tennis Tour

2019 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1-4	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000+H
5-10	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding 25,000+H)
11-20	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding 15,000+H)

Women’s ITF World Tennis Tour

2019 year-end ITF Junior Ranking	Number of ITF World Tennis Tour Tournaments
1	One (1) Tournament up to and including \$100,000 (excluding \$100,000+H) Four (4) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000 (excluding \$80,000+H)
2	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$80,000 (excluding \$80,000+H) Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H)
3-5	Two (2) Tournaments up to and including \$60,000 (excluding \$60,000+H) Three (3) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
6-10	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$25,000 (excluding \$25,000+H)
11-20	Five (5) Tournaments up to and including \$15,000 (excluding \$15,000+H)

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B. ITF JUNIORS TENNIS

11. Expansion of the Junior Exempt Project

See A.10 above.

12. IPIN memberships – credit card only

See A.9 above.

13. ITF Junior ranking points

The ranking points awarded to tournaments at Grade 2 and above will change for 2020 as follows:

Category	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles						
Grand Slam*, Youth Olympics	1000	600 700	370 490	200 300	100 180	45 90
Junior Finals	750	450	320/ 220 250	165 200/ 145 185/ 125 165/ 105 150	-	-
Grade A	500	300 350	185 250	100 150	50 90	20 45
Grade 1 / B1	280 300	170 210	100 140	60 100	30 60	15 30
Grade 2 / B2	160 200	95 140	60 100	30 60	15 36	7 18
Grade 3 / B3	100	60	36	20	10	5
Grade 4	60	36	18	10	5	-
Grade 5	30	18	9	5	2	-
Doubles						
Grand Slam, Youth Olympics	750	450 525	275 367	150 225	75 135	-
Grade A	375	225 262	140 187	75 112	35 67	-
Grade 1 / B1	210 225	130 157	75 105	45 75	20 45	-
Grade 2 / B2	120 150	75 105	45 75	25 45	12 27	-
Grade 3 / B3	75	45	27	15	7	-
Grade 4	45	27	14	7	-	-
Grade 5	25	13	6	3	-	-

14. Draw sizes

Minimum draw sizes for ITF Junior tournaments by grade are set out below. The minimum draw sizes for Grade 1 tournaments will change from 48 to 32 in 2020.

Grade	Boys	Girls
A	64	64
1	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
2	32	32
3	32	32
4	32	32
5	16	16

15. Sign-in / registration

At their own choice, Juniors tournaments will be able to offer on-line sign-in via a tournament entry fee payment web page. At tournaments where this service is offered, players will have the option to sign-in and pay their entry fee online before the normal sign-in deadline, and will not have to travel to the site just to sign in. Players will continue to have the option to sign in on site as normal, if they prefer.

16. Making the draw

The ITF Supervisor shall appoint one or two players to witness the making of the draw.

17. Warm-up procedure

See A.7 above.

18. On-court coaching

Following the trial at Grade A and Grade 1 tournaments in 2019, in 2020 on-court coaching will no longer be permitted at any tournament. Significant analysis was undertaken of the use of on-court coaching in 2019: how often it was used; at which stage of the match; and whether it had an effect on the result of the match. Players and coaches were also surveyed and asked their opinion about the advantages, and any drawbacks, of on-court coaching; how often they used it; and whether they supported its permanent introduction. As a result of this research, the ITF Juniors Committee decided not to introduce on-court coaching as a permanent feature of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors.

19. Seeding modification

2020 sees a clarification to the seeding order for Junior events. If two players are both seeded based on a professional ranking on the same line of the comparison chart, the player with the higher junior ranking has priority.

20. ITF Knowledge - Juniors

Players ranked in the top 200 of the ITF Junior Rankings are required to complete the Anti-Doping and Integrity modules of the ITF Knowledge educational website. Players have three months from the date of entry into the top 200 to complete the modules, otherwise they will not be able to enter tournaments online via their IPIN account.

21. Regional Reserved Places

Players ranked in the top 50 of the Tennis Europe and COSAT 16 & Under rankings will be eligible for reserved places in ITF World Tennis Tour main draws. The system will be introduced in the course of 2020 and is structured as follows:

ITF Junior Tournament Grade	Tennis Europe	COSAT
Grade 2 (2 places per tournament)	Top 5 boys and girls – maximum of 4 places per player per calendar year	n/a
Grade 3 (2 places per tournament)	Top 10 boys, top 20 girls – no limit to number of tournaments	Top 10 girls, top 20 boys – no limit to number of tournaments

Grade 4 (3 places per tournament)	Top 50 boys and girls – no limit to number of tournaments	Top 30 – no limit to number of tournaments
Grade 5 (3 places per tournament)	n/a	Top 50 – no limit to number of tournaments

22. ITF Junior Team Competitions Rule Changes

No changes planned.

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